



**MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to request a waiver of Standard for Accreditation 1-A.5 Class Size. We understand that each public school district shall comply with the laws of the State of Arkansas and the rules of the Division regarding class size and teaching load. We are seeking a waiver under Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-202(b)(2)(A).

The reason for this request is as follows:

1. Our third grade class is currently at 151 students with 6 teachers. Each teacher has a class with all students. Two of these students are in ALE but are going to transition back to a regular classroom which will give two teachers 26 students.
2. Our fifth grade class is currently at 154 students. Three of those students are in ALE so they do not see all teachers; however, there are three teachers who are currently teaching 151 students which means they have 26 students per class.
3. Our high school Spanish teacher is currently at 153 students.

As you can see, we are potentially over in three areas with it being 3 students at most who are impacting the overage.

Please contact Janet Blair, Superintendent [jblair@malvernleopards.org](mailto:jblair@malvernleopards.org) or Lillian Harper, Assistant Superintendent [laharper@malvernleopards.org](mailto:laharper@malvernleopards.org) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lillian Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lillian Harper, Assistant Superintendent  
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